

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 and 73-78 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 5, 10-12 and 73 are amended, claims 75-78 are added, and claims 17-72 are cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 5-9, 37-41 and 53-57 contain allowable subject matter. For at least the reasons discussed below, Applicants submit that all pending claims are allowable.

Claims 1-3, 10-16, 33-35, 42-51, 58-66 and 69-72 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0002895 to Kawano et al. ("Kawano"). For at least the reasons discussed below, the rejection is respectfully traversed.

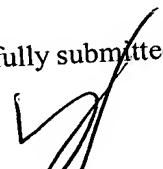
Kawano describes a method and system for storing holographic images in a recording medium, using signal and reference beams. The system and method allows for multiple polarization holograms to be recorded in different regions of the optical recording medium by rotating the recording medium with a motor (paragraph [0143]). The method also discloses using a spherical wave as the reference beam to facilitate shift-multiplexing storage (paragraph [0143]). Kawano fails to disclose, however, that page data of separate files are not multiplexed, and are recorded respectively in different positions in the optical recording medium. Kawano describes recording data continuously in a circumferential direction by rotating the optical storage medium (Fig. 14, paragraph [0043]). Because the data in Kawano is recorded continuously, Kawano fails to anticipate independent claims 1, 73 and 76.

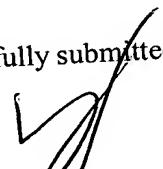
Claims 2-16, 74-75 and 77-78 depend on the respective independent claims, and therefore also define patentable subject matter as well as for the other features they recite.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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